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In re Application of: Ronald H. Chiarello *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/894,423

Group No.: 1636

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Examiner: Qian, C.

Entitled: Compositions and Methods for Labeling Oligonucleotides

**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED CLAIM, UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120, FOR THE
BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED APPLICATION**

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Dated: December 17, 2003

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Sir or Madam:

Due to an unintentional delay, Applicants hereby petition to claim, under 35 U.S.C. 120, the benefit of a prior-filed copending nonprovisional application (e.g. serial number 09/344,226 filed on 06/25/99). Applicants further state the entire delay from four months after the actual filing date of the later-filed application (e.g. serial number 09/894,423 filed on 06/28/2001) to the present was unintentional.

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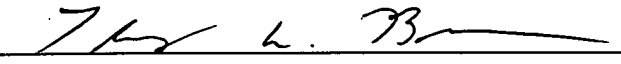
In compliance with 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(3)(i), Applicants have:

- (i) Claimed (in a Preliminary Amendment also filed on this day) priority to, as required by 35 U.S.C. 120, the prior-filed application. This priority claim is appropriate as: a) both the prior-filed and later-filed application name at least one common inventor (Dr. Ronald H. Chiarello), b) the later-filed application disclose this named inventor's invention (as claimed) in at least one claim of the later-filed application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, and c) the prior-filed application is complete as set forth in 37 CFR 1.51(b);
- (ii) Enclosed the surcharge (of \$1,330.00) as forth in Sec. 1.17(t); and
- (iii) Provided a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due, under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 CFR 1.78, and the date this priority claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-1290. **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 17, 2003


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